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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of 10

Northeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended, for 10 northeastern species. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the previous 5-year review for each species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written information by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how and where to submit information, see **Request for New Information** and **Table 2—Contacts** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *General Information:* Martin Miller, via email at martin_miller@fws.gov, and via U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035.

Species-Specific Information and Submission of Comments: Contact the appropriate person or office listed in **Table 2—Contacts** in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, are initiating 5-year reviews under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) for 10 northeastern species: the endangered Virginia fringed mountain snail, Plymouth red-bellied cooter, Jesup’s milk-vetch, shale barren rock-creep, Maryland darter, Lee County cave isopod, James spinymussel, and Guyandotte River crayfish, and the threatened red knot and Big Sandy crayfish.

A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the most recent status review for each species.

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews and Species Status Assessments?

Under the ESA, we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List) in title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.11(h) (for wildlife) and 50 CFR 17.12(h) (for plants). Listed wildlife and plants can also be found at http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp and http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedPlants.jsp, respectively. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species’ status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our fact sheet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What Species Are Under Review?

We are initiating 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

Table 1—Species Under Review

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Listing date and citation
Virginia fringed mountain snail	<i>Polygyriscus virginianus</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	43 FR 28932 07/03/1978
Plymouth red-bellied cooter	<i>Pseudemys rubriventris</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	45 FR 21828 04/02/1980
Jesup's milk-vetch	<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> var. <i>jesupii</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	52 FR 21481 06/05/1987
Shale barren rock-cress	<i>Arabis serotina</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	54 FR 29655 07/13/1989
Maryland darter	<i>Etheostoma sellare</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	32 FR 4001 03/11/1967
Lee County cave isopod	<i>Lirceus usdagalun</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	57 FR 54722 11/20/1992
James spinymussel	<i>Pleurobema collina</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	53 FR 27689 07/22/1988
Red knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	79 FR 73706 12/11/2014
Big Sandy crayfish	<i>Cambarus callainus</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	81 FR 20450 04/07/2016
Guyandotte River crayfish	<i>Cambarus veteranus</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	81 FR 20450 04/07/2016

What Information Do We Consider in Our 5-Year Reviews and Species Status

Assessments?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting the review, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the most recent status review. We are seeking new information specifically regarding:

(1) Species biology, including but not limited to life history and habitat requirements and impact tolerance thresholds;

(2) Historical and current population conditions, including but not limited to population abundance, trends, distribution, demographics, and genetics;

(3) Historical and current habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(4) Historical and current threats, threat trends, and threat projections in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA);

(5) Conservation measures for the species that have been implemented or are planned; and

(6) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information received will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Request for New Information

To ensure that 5-year reviews are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

Please submit your questions, comments, and materials to the appropriate contact in table 2. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can request that personal information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Contacts

New information on the species covered in this notice should be submitted by mail or electronic mail to the appropriate contact shown in table 2, by the deadline provided in **DATES**.

Table 2—Contacts

Species	Contact person, email	Contact address
Virginia fringed mountain snail	Jennifer Stanhope jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Plymouth red-bellied cooter	Eliese Dykstra eliese_dykstra@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Field Office, 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH 03301
Jesup's milk-vetch	Susi von Oettingen susi_vonoettingen@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Field Office, 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH 03301
Shale barren rock-cress	Sumalee Hoskin sumalee_hoskin@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Maryland darter	Julie Thompson julie_thompson@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401
Lee County cave isopod	Rose Agbalog rose_agbalog@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwestern Virginia Field Office, 330 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210

James spinymussel	Jennifer Stanhope jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Red knot	Wendy Walsh wendy_walsh@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office, 4 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 4, Galloway, NJ 08205
Big Sandy crayfish	Barbara Douglas barbara_douglas@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 6263 Appalachian Highway, Davis, WV 26260
Guyandotte River crayfish	Barbara Douglas barbara_douglas@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 6263 Appalachian Highway, Davis, WV 26260

Authority

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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